

Christina  
Lindsay

In the fall of 1863, Christina married George Muir as his plural wife and two sons were born to her, John and George. She took up a homestead in Center Creek and lived on it to obtain title. This land she gave to her sons, John and George Muir. During the years Mrs. Muir served as a midwife in Heber Valley, she traveled from town to town in a buggy, wagon, or on horseback in all kinds of weather. When she was too old to continue nursing the residents of Heber gave a party in her honor to show their appreciation for her many years of service. Christina passed away July 25, 1906, at the age of eighty-three years. — Hazel Lindsay Giles

### THEY ANSWERED THE CALL TO SERVE

*Helen Alcy Tanner Maxfield* was born Dec. 18, 1839, in New Liberty, Illinois, the daughter of Nathan and Rachel Winter Smith Tanner. She came to Utah with her father's family, in the *Amasa Lyman Company*, arriving October 13, 1848.

In 1857 Helen Alcy married Elijah Hiatt Maxfield, son of John Ellis and Elizabeth Baker Maxfield, pioneers of 1851. Ten days after their marriage, her husband was called to go east and help bring in a stranded handcart company. After being gone two months, the company arrived hungry and almost frozen. The following spring he was called with an expedition to build stations, roads, raise hay and grain, and help the Saints on the latter part of their journey. It was called the YX or Young Expedition. He rode with the Pony Express; stood guard; carried supplies and mail to Echo Canyon, and fought Indians. Helen Alcy was alone most of the time the first years of their marriage, taking care of herself and helping others, which she ably did.

When Johnston's Army come through, she, her husband and her mother, were called to go to Cedar Valley to herd and protect the family stock, horses, cows and sheep. They returned in August, and moved to Big Cottonwood Canyon for the purpose of making lumber for the army. She cooked, washed and mended for about 25 men. On the 7th of Feb. 1859, their first child, a son, Hiatt Elijah was born.

Helen Alcy possessed a natural talent for nursing and caring for the sick. She was often on maternity cases. In 1861 Francis M. Lyman set her apart to be a midwife. She was alert. She had attended the schools of Salt Lake City. She was always reading and searching for knowledge from every available source on this subject. The first baby she delivered, after being set apart as a midwife, was James Osterman (Doctor). He was born in 1861.

In November 1862, the Maxfields were called by Brigham Young, to go to Dixie. Here, Helen Alcy helped the sick and suffering; gave comfort and good will to those with whom she came in contact. Often her baby was placed under a sagebrush while she picked cotton and